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OF THE

Sixty-First Annual Session

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF THE

Cahaba Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

SILOAM CHURCH,

Marion, Perry County, Alabama,

ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY,
October 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st, 1878.

OFFICERS:

DR. J. T. MURFEE,	MODERATOR,	Marion, Ala.
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MINUTES.

SILOAM BAPTIST CHURCH,
MARION, ALA,, Oct. 18th, A. D., 1878.

The Cahaba Baptist Association convened in her sixty-first annual session with Siloam Baptist Church on Friday, 11 o'clock, A. M., before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1878.

In the absence of the former Moderator, Elder J. L. West, Bro. Porter King was chosen temporary Chairman, and the Association was opened with prayer by Elder E. F. Baber. The introductory sermon was deferred until 7½ P. M.

In response to the call for representation by the Moderator, the letters of the several Churches were delivered, and the names of the following brethren enrolled Messengers of the Churches:

ANTIOCH.—W. D. Burford, H. C. Thomas, W. T. Burford, John T. Latimer.

BETHEL.—J. Phelan Harris, S. S. Pool.

BETHLEHEM.—H. F. Haggard.

CONCORD.—B. F. Bolling, Jno. S. Bolling, S. A. Bolling, Jas. Waters.

EPHESUS.—F. M. Nichols, N. L. Dobynes.

FRIENDSHIP.—C. Crocker.

FELLOWSHIP.—S. C. Trammill, Enoch Fagan, G. W. Gray, G. W. Carter, J. D. Holifield.

HOPEWELL.—D. S. Hogue, J. D. Allen, Geo. W. Flinn.

HARMONY.—A. J. Ivey. (Church received at this session.)

MACEDONIA.—**J. B. Pool*, Geo. R. Pool.

MARS HILL.—**A. J. Kynerd*, W. R. Martin, W. B. Cureton.

MEDLINE.—William Sanders.

MT. PLEASANT.—Charles F. Woods. (Letter delayed.)

MT. HEBRON.—**John S. Ford*, Geo. W. Daniel.

MT. ZION.—Daniel B. Snead,

MT. GILEAD.—Thomas D. Potts.

MACON.—Charles W. Collins.

NEW HOPE.—J. R. Lawless. John S. Davis.

NEW BERNE.—C. C. Huckabee, B. F. Pollard.

OCMULGEE.—**I. U. Wilkes*, B. P. Watson, O. H. Perry. W. O. Perry.

OAK GROVE.—E. S. White, W. P. McCollum.

PINE FLAT.—E. P. George, A. Jones Suthur.

PLEASANT HILL.—Cyrus Tingle, I. D. Geddie, J. T. Summers.

PISGAH.—W. W. Smith, Ira H. Huff, E. O. Farrah.

PROVIDENCE.—Lewis Johnson, William Day.

SARDIS.—Letter. (Delegate absent by sickness.)

SILOAM.—**E. T. Winkler*, **L. R. Gwaltney*, **I. B. Vaiden*, J. T, Murfee, Porter King, Alfred Lawson. W. W. Wilkerson, A. G. Hudson, S. H. Fowlkes, J. B. Lovelace.

SELMA.—**W. C. Cleveland*, R. C. Keeble, J. N. Prestridge, Perry Fowlkes.

UNION.—R. D. Redding, H. T. Stringfellow.

NOTE.—*Ministers are in italics.

The letters were read by Brethren J. L. Wyatt, clerk of Siloam Church, and S. A. Bolling, after which the Moderator gave an opportunity for new Churches to join this Association; whereupon Harmony Church of North-west Perry County, represented by Bro. A. J. Ivey, presented a petitionary letter, and being found to be orthodox, was admitted a constituent member of the Cahaba Baptist Association by a unanimous voice. In behalf of the Association, the Moderator extended to the representative the right hand of fellowship, and in words of brotherly love, welcomed him into our Christian body.

The Association adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Rev. C. W. Hare.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled at 3 o'clock with the Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Pool.

The Association went into a permanent organization—when by consent the vote for officers was taken by acclamation—resulting in the election of Dr. J. T. Murfee, President of Howard College, Moderator; S. C. Trammill re-elected Clerk, and Alfred Lawson re-elected Treasurer.

Received correspondence as follows:

Alabama Association—Rev. E. F. Baber.

Pine Barren Association—Rev. C. W. Hare.

Bethel Association—Rev. L. L. Fox, Rev. P. C. Drew.

Mulberry Association—Brethren Dockrey and Langston.

The corresponding Messengers were cordially invited to seats in our body by the Moderator, and requested to participate in our deliberations.

Returned correspondence as follows:

Alabama Association—Dr. W. C. Cleveland, Dr. J. T. Murfee, Brethren John H. Lee, John Moore, W. P. McCollum, F. H. Hawks, A. G. Hudson, J. N. Prestridge. Meets at Bethel———— Church, Collirene, Lowndes county, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1879.

Pine Barren Association—Dr. E. T. Winkler, Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, Brethren Jon. Haralson, Porter King, W. C. Ward, C. C. Huckabee, E. S. White. Meets at Rock West Church, Wilcox county, on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1879.

Bethel Association—Rev. T. M. Bailey, Rev. I. B. Vaiden, Brethren W. B. Modawell, B. F. Ellis, O. H. Perry, J. H. Burns, T. S. Bowen, A. D. Lawhorn. Meets at————Church, ———— county, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1879.

Mulberry Association—Rev. A. M. Perry, Rev. W. C. Stevens, Rev. Carter Tubb, Brethren John S. Davis, Isaac D. Geddie, W. D. Washburn, D. B. Snead. Meets at ———— Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1879.

Tuscaloosa Association—Rev. John S. Ford, Rev. W. A. Bishop, Rev. R. S. Jones, Rev. J. B. Pool, Brethren R. Y. Woods, Cyrus Tingle, J. R. Lawless. Meets at ———— Church, ———— county, on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1879.

Union Association—Rev. J. L. West, Brethren Geo. W. Daniel, Marshal Ford, H. T. Stringfellow, H. C. Thomas, W. T. Burford, R. D. Redding. Meets at ———— Church, ———— county, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1879.

Bigbee Association—Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, Brethren C. W. Collins, S. C. Trammill, J. T. Latimer, A. J. Ivey, M. W. Hand, C. C. Huckabee. Meets at Cuba Church, Cuba Station, Great Southern R. R., Sumter county, on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1879.

Unity Association—Dr. M. T. Sumner, Dr. W. C. Cleveland, Brethren R. C. Keeble, S. P. Fowlkes, Alfred Lawson, B. P. Watson, E. P. George. Meets at ———— Church, ———— county, on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1879.

Shelby Association—Rev. I. U. Wilkes, Rev. A. J. Kynerd, Brethren R. H. Sterrett, J. Phelan Harris, J. N. Suttle, W. W. Smith. Meets at ———— Church, ———— county, on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1879.

On motion, Dr. E. T. Winkler be recognized President of the Home Mission Board.

On motion, Dr. M. T. Sumner be requested to represent the Home Mission Board.

On motion, Rev. E. F. Baber be received representative of State Missions.

On motion, Rev. John S. Ford be recognized representative of the Foreign Mission Board.

On motion, Dr. E. T. Winkler be recognized representative of the *Alabama Baptist*, our State organ.

On motion, Prof. T. J. Dill be recognized representative of the Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky.

The following Special Committees were appointed:

On Finance—Brethren D. S. Hogue, Lewis Johnson, B. P. Watson.

On Devotional Exercises—Deacons and Delegates of Siloam Church.

On Letters and Documents—Brethren C. W. Collins, W. P. McCollum, A. J. Ivey.

Arrangement and Nomination of Next Session of the Association—Brethren W. W. Wilkerson, O. H. Perry, Cyrus Tingle, Enoch Fagan, E. S. White, W. W. Smith.

Nomination of Delegates to Alabama Baptist State Convention—Brethren R. C. Keeble, James Waters, J. P. Harris, D. B. Snead, W. R. Martin.

In absence of the Standing Committee on State Missions, Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, Rev. J. B. Pool, and Bro. Porter King were appointed.

In absence of Rev. W. A. Bishop, Chairman of Standing Committee on Religious Condition of Churches, Dr. E. T. Winkler was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

On motion, the regular order of business be suspended, that the Delegates and visiting brethren state to the Association what good work their Churches had done for the Lord, and what blessings they had received.

Elders Fox, Baber, Winkler, Huckabee, and other brethren, made encouraging talks of religious revivals, the outpouring of God's love, and the conversion of souls to Christ in the bounds of their labors during the past Associational year.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The introductory sermon was preached at 7½ P. M. by Rev. I. U. Wilkes, to an attentive audience, from the 19th verse and 1st chapter of Colossians: "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."

The Association adjourned to 9½ o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Rev. I. U. Wilkes.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association convened at 9½ o'clock, with the Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Rev. L. L. Fox.

The Minutes of the preceding part of the session were read and adopted.

The report of Committee on Sabbath Schools read by the Chairman, Rev. I. U. Wilkes. The report was received, and after *earnest* speeches by several brethren, the report was amended and adopted. Appendix "F."

The report of Committee on Home Missions was read by the Chairman, Dr. E. T. Winkler. The report was received, and after impressive speeches by Dr. Winkler, Dr. Sumner, Dr. Cleveland, Rev. Fox, Rev. Baber, was adopted. Appendix "B."

The report of Committee on State Missions was read by the Chairman, Dr. Gwaltney. The report was received, laid on the table, and made special order of business for 3½ o'clock, P. M.

The report on Education was read by the Committee. The report was received, laid on the table, and made special order of business after the discussion of the report on State Missions.

The Association adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. J. S. Ford.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled at 3 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. C. W. Hare.

The report of the Committee on the *Alabama Baptist* was read by the Chairman, Dr. W. C. Cleveland. The report was received, laid on the table, and made special order of business for Monday morning.

The hour having arrived, the report on State Missions was taken up. After well-timed speeches by Dr. Cleveland and Rev. Baber, the report was adopted. Appendix "C."

The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was read by the Chairman, received, adopted, and as follows: Preaching on Sunday at the Baptist Church, 11 A. M., by Dr. W. C. Cleveland; at the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. J. S. Ford; at the Presbyterian Church, by Rev. L. L. Fox; at the Baptist Church, 7½ P. M., by Rev. E. F. Baber; at the Presbyterian Church, by Rev. I. U. Wilkes; at Colored Baptist Church, 3 o'clock P. M., by Rev. C. W. Hare; at 7½ P. M., by Rev. J. B. Pool; Sunday School Addresses at the Baptist Church, 9½ o'clock, Sunday morning, by Brethren C. C. Huckabee, B. P. Watson, and W. W. Smith.

The order of business was suspended, to allow Dr. J. T. Murfee, President of Howard College, and Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, President of the Judson Female Institute, to extend to the Association invitations to visit the Howard in the afternoon, and the Judson in the evening, that the delegates, visiting brethren and friends should see our denominational schools, and better acquaint themselves with the way in which they are conducted and managed.

The Association adjourned to 3 o'clock, Sunday afternoon. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Cleveland.

NOTE.—The delegates and visiting friends of the Association, after adjournment of business, visited the Howard, and were well pleased. We regret that we did not have longer time to see more of the buildings, grounds and the mode of Dr. Murfee's good management. At 7½ o'clock, in the evening, the delegates and friends assembled in the Chapel of the Judson, and were most pleasantly entertained by fervent prayer, good music, (vocal and instrumental), spicy speeches, *a serious speech*, words of encouragement from ministers, the gallant Howard boys in uniform, a good speech from the President of Howard College and Moderator of the Association, beautiful ladies, happy children, and an appreciative and delighted audience—all, with one accord, could exclaim: Dr. Gwaltney, that man of God, "is the right man in the right place." Long live the dear old Judson Institute, and the honored Howard. May God abundantly bless their Presidents, Faculties and Boards of Trustees. CLERK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were opened with prayer by brother John S. Bolling, after which Sabbath School talks were made by several brethren.

NOTE.—The *King* of that religious Sabbath School *hive*, of Siloam church, is indeed the best Sunday School Superintendent of the Baptist Denomination in the State. The children acquitted themselves well. We beg to suggest to the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools of the Cahaba Association, to visit Bro. King's Sunday School, and see his way of conducting and managing it, and they will probably be benefitted. We love Judge King, because he loves the Lord, and we love him more because he teaches children to love Jesus. Parents, who have children to educate, should feel encouraged to send them to the Howard and Judson, not only to receive the proper training and cultivation of the mind requisite in schools, but the Christian influence under which they are placed, and the most excellent advantages afforded to do good for the Lord —the Schools, the Church, the Sunday School, and the association of Christian people. CLERK.

SUNDAY, 11, A. M.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Dr. W. C. Cleveland, to a large and attentive congregation, from 6th chapter and 20th verse of Luke: "Give and it shall be given unto you." After which a missionary collection was taken up amounting to $35.30

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association convened at 3 o'clock, with the Moderator in the chair, and opened with prayer by Bro. Wm. H. Fiquet.

This being the special hour for the discussion of the report on Education, the report was re-read, and, after able, instructive and eloquent speeches by brethren Winkler, Gwaltney, Baber and Fox, was adopted. Appendix "G."

The report on Ministerial Education was read by the chairman, Dr. W. C. Cleveland. The report was received and partly discussed, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $26.40 for the purpose of supplying the amount that had been pledged and not collected. The Association adjourned to 9½ o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Bro. L. W. Lawler.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Rev. E. F. Baber preached at 7½ o'clock to an attentive audience from the 25th chapter and 19th verse of Proverbs. Theme, "Faithfulness."

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association convened at 9½ o'clock, with the Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Kynerd.

The discussion on the report of Ministerial Education was resumed—able and earnest speeches were made by several brethren—after which the report was adopted. Appendix "H."

After the discussion and adoption of the report on Ministerial Education, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the desire of this Association to sustain, at Howard College, a Theological student, and that the churches of the Association be requested to send up, next session, not less than *five dollars* each for this purpose. Further, that the State Missionary of this District be requested to aid in this work.

Resolved, That a committee on Ministerial Education be appointed, whose duty it shall be to select from this Association, if practicable, a young brother, of suitable qualifications, to be educated at Howard College for the Gospel Ministry. The following brethren were appointed a committee on Ministerial Education: A. G. Hudson, Chairman, J. S. Ford, W. C. Cleveland, I. U. Wilkes, E. F. Baber, State Missionary.

The Minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and adopted.

The report on *Alabama Baptist* being first in order, was taken up. After able discussion, the report was adopted. Appendix "E."

The report on Foreign Missions was read by the Chairman, Rev. J. S. Ford. The report was received, discussed and adopted. Appendix "A."

The report of committee on Religious Condition of Churches, was read by the Chairman, Dr. E. T. Winkler. The report was received, discussed and adopted. Appendix "D."

The report on Widows and Orphans was read, received and adopted. Appendix "I."

Resolved, That a collection be taken up by the churches of this Association for sister Summers, widow of our deceased brother, Rev. John E. Summers, and remit the amount by first of March, 1879, to Bro. Alfred Lawson, Treasurer, Marion, Ala.

The report of the committee on Nomination of Delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, was submitted. The report was received, adopted, and the following nominations made:

Rev. J. S. Ford,	Bro. S. C. Trammill,	Bro. O. H. Perry,
" J. L. West,	" C. C. Huckabee,	" C. W. Collins,
" J. B. Pool,	" R. H. Sterrett,	" R. Y. Woods,
" W. A. Bishop,	" J. M. Dill,	" J. N. C. Brown
" A. J. Kynerd,	" J. H. King,	" W. L. Fagan.

The Convention will meet in Birmingham on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in July, 1879.

The report of Committee on Letters and Documents submitted. Received and adopted. Appendix "J."

The report of Committee on Finance submitted, received and adopted. Appendix "K."

The report of the Treasurer submitted, received and adopted. Appendix "L."

The report of Committee on Arrangement and Nomination of next session of the Association was read, received, adopted, and as follows:

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with Concord Church, near Perryville, Perry county, Ala., convening on Friday, 11 A. M., before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1879. Elder J. L. West to preach the introductory sermon; Dr. W. C. Cleveland, Alternate. Dr. L. R. Gwaltney to preach the Missionary Sermon, at 11 o'clock, A. M Sunday; Elder I. U. Wilkes, Alternate. Sabbath School Address, Sunday morning; 9½ o'clock, by Bro. Porter King.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Wilkerson, Chairman; }
O. H. Perry, }
Cyrus Tingle, } Committee.
Enoch Fagan, }
E. S. White, }
W. W. Smith, }

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Foreign Missions—Rev. W. A. Bishop, Chairman. Brethren R. Y. Woods and Enoch Fagan.

On Home Missions—Dr. E. T. Winkler, Chairman. Brethren W. C. Ward and O. H. Perry.

On State Missions—Rev. T. M. Bailey, Chairman. Rev. A. M. Perry and Bro. A. D. Lawhorn.

On Religious Condition of Churches—Dr. W. C. Cleveland, Chairman. Rev. J. S. Ford and Rev. I. U. Wilkes.

On the Alabama Baptist—Rev. J. L. West, Chairman. Dr. E. T. Winkler and B. P. Watson.

On Sunday Schools—Dr. M. T. Sumner, Chairman. Rev. A. J. Kynerd and Rev. W. N. Huckabee.

On Education—Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, Chairman. Rev. I. B. Vaiden and Bro. W. W. Wilkerson.

On Ministerial Education—Bro. Albert G. Hudson, Chairman. Rev. John S. Ford and Dr. W. C. Cleveland.

On Superannuated Ministers, Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers—Brethren R. C. Keeble, Chairman. C. C. Huckabee, J. B. Lovelace, T. S. Bowen.

Note.—Will the Committees be careful in writing their reports, that the original copies may be given the printer without having to transcribe for the press? Clerk.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby most gratefully tendered Siloam Church and vicinity, for the very hospitable entertainment they have given the delegates and visitors of this Association.

Resolved, That this Association do now adjourn to meet with Concord Church, 12 miles East of Marion, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1879.

While the congregation were singing that appropriate and beautiful hymn—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above,"

the delegates and brethren extended to each other the parting hand in brotherly *affection* and *love* that unites us, and in hope of meeting in Heaven, should we be called from time to eternity before our next Associational meeting. A fervent, feeling and soul-stirring prayer was offered by our much esteemed Bro. Winkler, and then the Moderator declared the Association adjourned.

S. C. TRAMMILL, Clerk. J. T. MURFEE, Moderator.

APPENDIX A—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee regard this as the Mission of the present age, and yet it seems not to have that hold on the hearts of our people, that it demands at their hands.

While we are frank to say, that our missions in China and other heathen lands have not, and are not succeeding as well as could be desired, or even as might have been expected; yet we should be encouraged to hope for happier results in the future from the wonderful success the Gospel of the blessed God is now having in India.

That our brethren may become more familiar with this work as carried on by the Southern Missionary Board, and become more deeply interested in it, we would recommend them to become readers of the *Foreign Mission Journal*, a most excellent little sheet published in Richmond, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. FORD, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was established for the supply of a vital necessity. The largest number of Baptists in the world is embraced within our territorial limits; hence the South is eminently the home field of the Denomination. And this region has commanding claims upon us, not only as our country, but in view of its enlarging promises, and also of its present need. Climate, soil and mineral wealth are already inviting a new and various population among the agricultural communities of the older States; while our pioneers, ardent and energetic, are pushing the frontiers of civilization further year by year, to the west of the Mississippi. It is important to every interest dear to us as patriots and Christians, that the progress of this new era should be led by the sign of the Cross.

And yet is there not reason to appreciate that, notwithstanding the more urgent demands now made upon us, greater difficul-

ties present themselves to the prosecution of the work of home evangelization than existed at the time when the Board was first established. The Gospel must be given in some parts of our country to Churches whom the war has impoverished and crippled; in others to growing centres of population composed of citizens of various nationalities or of diverse beliefs; in all parts of a race recently emancipated from the control of intelligence; and the blessed message must also be carried beyond our immediate borders to settlements of semi-civilized or barbarious tribes—some of them alienated, some embittered—all kept in a state of chronic unrest by the public policy.

While State Mission Boards are laboring here and there to supply the destitutions immediately around them, the general work in the States and the special work in the Indian Territory, has been committed by the Southern Baptist Convention to our Home Board. For the most effective State work is done mainly by States where the Denomination is strongest and where therefore it has less destitution to meet and larger means in money and men to supply that destitution. Where, on the contrary, the destitution is greatest, no such advantages are enjoyed; hence, unless some provision is made through our Board, the spiritual interest of perishing multitudes will be neglected. Such cases, especially, the Board undertakes to supply, and to enable it to carry out an enterprise so necessary and urgent, its missionaries must receive the prayers and contributions of those who love the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are now at work under commissions from our Home Board, thirty missionaries and missionary agents distributed as follows: One in North Carolina, one in South Carolina, five in Georgia, (of whom two extend their labors into Tennessee and one into Florida), one in Kentucky, two in Texas, two in Alabama, four in Florida, six in Arkansas, and six in the Indian Territory. In a few instances, these missionaries supply feeble but promising Churches; generally, however, they range over wild and exhausting fields. And the agents of the Board are missionary agents, whose reports will compare favorably with those of our and other missionaries in the amount of work they render.

The labors of the Board among the Indians are of special interest. Our long tried missionary, Dr. Buckner, is now well nigh worn out in body, by his arduous labors; but his heart is still glowing with missionary zeal. Bro. Hall is still publishing the Gospel to the Wild Tribes amid opposition and conflict. A devoted Christian lady, who has recently joined our Denomination, has been recently appointed with special reference to the Indian women and their families, to whom her familiarity with the Indians and her sex give her an easy access. We regret to say that with a single exception, our laborers, both white and native, are very slenderly supplied with the means of living, although under their faithful labors progress is steadily made.

We have lately received from the Northern Baptist Home Missionary Society, an overture to co-operate with them in the education of colored ministers, by holding institutions for the benefit especially of those having Churches in charge and unable to repair

to the schools established by that Society. The Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville heartily approved the work, and we beg our ministering brethren to engage in it when practicable, and to report results to the Board at Marion.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. WINKLER, Chairman.

APPENDIX "C."—REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of the State Mission Board is THE work of our Denomination in Alabama. Within a few years, it has, in a large measure, enlisted the sympathy and prayers and generous co-operation of our brethren, and has received the seal of God's approval and blessing. The work performed constitutes the strongest argument in its favor.

Your Committee submit the following summary of the labors of the missionaries of the State Board from the date of their commission to the meeting of the Convention last July; none of these having been in the field more than nine months, and some of them but six months: Weeks of labor, 282; sermons delivered, 1178; addresses delivered, 257; subscribers to *Alabama Baptist* secured, 423; miles traveled on duty, 17,502; Sunday Schools organized, 77; baptisms, 17; baptisms in connection with their labors, 13; received by letter into Churches without pastor, 8; restored into Churches without pastor, 2; Ladies Missionary Societies organized, 6; prayer meetings organized, 4; Churches constituted, 7; Churches visited, 770; ministers assisted in ordaining, 2; deacons assisted in ordaining, 6; Churches in fields of labor occupied by the missionary meeting every Lord's day, 191.

The Board is now operating in 33 Associations, and in a few weeks will be operating in 41. Eight brethren, with the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, are now in the field. Seven under appointment, and two more will soon be appointed. Only two Associations in the State have declined to co-operate with the Board, and from one of these, liberal contributions have been received. The work is popular with the pastors, and with the people to a very general extent.

While accomplishing such gratifying results, the Evangelists of the Board have awakened our people to a deeper sense of their responsibility, have stimulated our zeal, have opened new springs of liberality, and have inspired the purpose to go forward in a work which pleads for generous support by every consideration of duty to God and man.

Your Committee ask permission to embrace in their report the following statement from Bro. Baber, our District Evangelist, and we recommend the hearty endorsement and continued support of this body:

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. GWALTNEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF DISTRICT EVANGELIST OF WORK WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE CAHABA ASSOCIATION.

Began work in Association Feb. 5th, 1878. Sermons preached, 57; addresses delivered, 7; Sabbath Schools orgamized, 8; salary raised for pastor of destitute Churches, 1; district meetings attended, 2; time labored, 7 weeks, 6 days; miles traveled on duty, 450.

It has been necessary for me to visit the Churches within my field of labor, and explain the work to them, so that they could understandingly co-operate with it, if they chose to do so. This necessity, together with the attempt to partially supply the destitution, has made it impossible for me to visit all the Churches in this Association. But now the work is pretty well understood, so that hereafter, if the Association should decide to continue to co-operate with the State Board, I will have more time to devote to the destitution, and to those Churches from which comes urgently the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us."

Wherever the objects and plan of the work are well understood, the people take hold of it and support it by their prayers and contributions.

I can but express the deep concern that I have felt at finding so few young men within your bounds, who have entered or contemplate entering the ministry. Who will supply the places of the veterans, who will soon lay down the shield and buckler and go to join the rejoicing hosts of the Church triumphant? It is a serious question. Ought we not to pray for more laborers?

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. BABER.

APPENDIX "D."—REPORT OF RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

We notice that not a few of the Churches connected with this Association have enjoyed liberal outpourings of the spirit during the past year. An increasing number of Sunday Schools has been established; more religious papers are taken than were heretofore, and in this and other departments gratifying progress has been made. From all quarters we hear encouraging reports of the efficient work by our diligent and beloved District Evangelist, Rev. E. F. Baber. The success that attends him is an augury of good to every pious interest under the charge of this Association.

We have not yet heard the efficient report of the Committee on our District Meetings, but learn that meetings in the third District have proved a great success.

We recommend that the District Meetings be retained, that new Committees be appointed, and that the Chairmen be requested to prosecute this work in their Districts by having meetings at least once in three months, and report results to the next session of this Association.

We would suggest the following Churches composing the different divissions:

First District—Providence, Selma, Oak Grove, Ocmulgee, Pine Flat, Concord and Pisgah.

Second District—Fellowship, Hopewell, Harmony, Newbern, Macon, Mars Hill, and Siloam.

Third District—Antioch, Union, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Hill, Macedonia, New Hope and Sardis.

Fourth District—Bethel, Bethlehem, Ephesus, Friendship, Medline, Mt. Gilead and Mt. Zion.

Respectfully submitted,
E. T. WINKLER, Chairman.

NOTE.—The following Committees of the different Districts of the Cahaba Association were appointed, whose duty is to arrange in their respective Districts, the time and place of their meetings, the subjects to be discussed, and report to the next session of this Association.

First District—W. C. Cleveland, Chairman; O. H. Perry, E. S. White, J. S. Bolling.

Second District—L. R. Gwaltney, Chairman; C. C. Huckabee, A. D. Lawhorn, A. J. Ivey.

Third District—W. A. Bishop, Chairman; J. S. Ford, R. S. Jones, R. Y. Woods.

Fourth District—A. M. Perry, Chairman; J. Phelan Harris, J. N. C. Brown, J. L. Nickols.

APPENDIX "E."—REPORT ON ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Resolved First, That we heartily approve the action of the State Convention in the disposition made of the paper.

Resolved Second, That we recommend the *Alabama Baptist* as the organ of the Denomination in the State, and will do what we can to extend its circulation in the limits of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

APPENDIX "F"—REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The progress which has marked the history of Sabbath Schools in the last decade of years, is of the most encouraging character. Even at as late a date as that referred to, *Sunday Schools* were confined chiefly to cities, towns and the better classes of country churches.

But the indications *now* are of such a character that your committee confidently cherish the fond belief that the day is near at hand when the so much coveted end will be attained—a Sunday School in every church throughout the land—when the masses of the people, old and young, male and female, parents and children, will be found assembled at their respective places of worship on the Lord's day, for the study of the Holy Scriptures.

To his praise, let it be said, that our Evangelist has given a very decided impetus to the *Sunday School* interest in his field of labor, as his reports clearly show, although his reports only partially represent the real facts in the case.

So important is the position being assigned to *Sunday School* work, that your committee cannot consistently refrain from urging the corresponding importance of furnishing the multiplying schools with sound *Baptist literature*. And further, it will readily be admitted that the *Sabbath School* is, to say the least, auxiliary to the preaching of the Gospel, in the enlightenment and conversion of the world.

And since, through its agency, the doctrinal tenets and practices of the rising and future generations are, in a large measure, to be formed, it must be regarded as of the first importance that we encourage the organization strictly of *Baptist Sunday Schools*, restricted to the use of Baptist literature.

Let the Baptists inscribe upon their floating banners throughout the world, "The truth as it is in Jesus," and that "truth in love," with the declaration coming from the mouth of Him who taught as one having authority—"If the *truth* make you *free*, ye shall be free *indeed*."

Respectfully submitted,

I. U. WILKES, Chairman.

APPENDIX "G."—REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In this enlightened day, no one will deny the *value* of *education*, but judging by the apparent neglect of high school and college training, it must be confessed that the attention given and sacrifices made, are not commensurate with the importance of the subject.

Without high culture, there is not the ability to attain full success in secular life, nor the qualifications necessary to make most useful Christians. Duty to our families and to our God demands that we shall devote every available means to the building up of the minds and characters of those who are soon to take our places in society and in the Church.

The rewards of temporal success should be sufficient to induce men of the world to make sacrifices in the cause of learning. But there are higher methods to influence the Christians to provide the best religious training for their sons and daughters.

In the family, in the Sabbath School, and in the Church, time and talents should be devoted to religious instruction. But if we should stop here when the youth is at the most critical age, and allow him to enter an institution where he may be exposed to the influence of unholy men and infidel books, the work of home and of the church will be undone, and the soul be put in jeopardy.

In the parent's estimation, the child's spiritual salvation is paramount to all other considerations; and every church is equally concerned for the religious welfare of the young, who have been brought up under its care.

This anxiety of parents and of churches to provide religious education for sons and daughters, has displayed itself in the establishment and maintenance of denominational colleges. They have been founded by the fathers, built up by the prayers and alms of the sainted dead, and are now supported by the sacrifices of the

consecrated living. What a blessing they are! Engaged as we see them in supplying *to* the rising generations all that fondest parents could desire—offering the highest grade of intellectual culture combined with moral and religious education.

Without these Institutions there would be no certain safeguard against infidelity in educational halls, and no assurances of religious influences over our children during the most critical period of their lives.

The Cahaba Association recognizes the value and importance of the work which is being done by the Institutions of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, both of which are within the territory of this Association; and we commend them to our members, and to the brethren throughout the State.

As parents, who desire the worldly success of our children; as Christians, who are unwilling to commit the souls of our loved ones into unsanctified hands; as churches, which are unwilling to see their spiritual training neglected, we are resolved to sustain by our prayers and our alms, our own Denominational Institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. MURFEE, Chairman.

The following resolution was offered, adopted and appended to the report:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association, that the Baptist Denomination of Alabama ought to make a persistent effort for the endowment of Howard College, and that to this end a committee be appointed by this body to memorialize the Alabama Baptist State Convention, at its next meeting, looking to the selection of permanent agencies for the accomplishment of this good work:

NOTE.—The following Committee was selected in accordance to the above resolution on Endowment of Howard College:

W. C. CLEVELAND, Chairman.
W. W. WILKERSON.
C. C. HUCKABEE.

APPENDIX "H."—REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

First—Subscribed at last Association—W. C. Cleveland $10.00 W. B. Crumpton, $10.00; T. M. Bailey, $10.00; Sister E. D. Billingsley, $10.00; Sisters, Providence church, $10.00; Sister A. J. Warford, for Hopewell Church, $10.00.—Total amount pledged, $60.00.

Second.—Bro. Whittle, a theolog, was promised support at Howard College on these pledges and on other donations that were requested.

Third.—Not all of these subscriptions have been paid. It is expected that some will yet come in from this source.

Fourth.—There is yet due Howard College, on account, on the theological education of Bro. Whittle, $45.50.

We recommend that this amount be raised, and that the debt due the College be paid.

The College has given the tuition, and cannot afford to lose the money that has been paid for board and fuel.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

APPENDIX "I."—REPORT ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers of the Cahaba Association, beg leave to report, That there is but one widow, sister Summers, in the bounds of this Association, that needs aid from this body. We recommend that this aid be promptly rendered by the churches of this Association, as no funds have been sent up at this session.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH FAGAN, Chairman.

APPENDIX "J."—REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Letters and Documents, beg leave to report, that after an examination of the letters of the several churches, we find no queries sent up from any of the churches. We find no report of any brother being ordained into the ministry or licensed to preach the Gospel among the churches.

One church has been organized since the last session of this body, on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in March, 1878, known as Harmony Church, situated in Perry county, Ala., and bearing petitionary letter by representatives, for membership into the Cahaba Baptist Association.

We would urge the Clerks of the several churches to be very particular in giving the statistical report of their churches at the next session of this body, as the annual reports of some of the churches do not correspond, thereby rendering in impossible for the Clerks of the Association to make a statistical table of the actual membership of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. COLLINS, Chairman.

APPENDIX "K."—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

Received in Cash for	State Mission Board, - - - - -	$150 00
" " " "	Home Mission Board, - - - - -	17 65
" " " "	Foreign Mission Board, - - - - -	17 65
" " " "	Minutes and Associational purposes	61 40
" " " "	Ministerial Education, - - - - -	26 40
	Total, - - - - - - - - - - - -	$273 10

Alfred Lawson, (Treas. Cahaba Asso'n) receipt for same, $273 10

We recommend that the Clerk be allowed twenty-five dollars for his efficient services.

Respectfully submitted,
D. S. HOGUE,
B. P. WATSON,
LEWIS JOHNSON. } Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS, CHURCHES, NO. S. S. SCHOLARS AND TEACHERS.

Superintendent.	Post Office.	County.	Church.	No. S. S. Scholars	No. Teachers.
Ira H. Huff,	Perryville,	Perry,	Concord,	40	6
J. A. Gray, J. T. Curb,	Morgan Spgs.	Perry,	Fellowship,	60	12
S. A. Lide,	Marion,	Perry,	Hopewell,	51	8
A. J. Ivey,	Marion,	Perry,	Harmony,	23	4
Rev. J. B. Pool,	Havana,	Hale,	Macedonia,	54	6
J. C. Williams,	Marion,	Perry,	Mars Hill,	30	5
J. Sanders,	Pinetucky,	Perry,	Medline,	20	5
J. N. C. Brown,	Centreville,	Bibb,	Mt. Zion,	25	5
W. T. McCraw,	Pinetucky,	Bibb,	Mt. Gilead,	20	—
A. D. Lawhorn,	Macon Stao'n,	Hale,	Macon,	—	—
B. P. Watson,	Oak Grove,	Perry,	Ocmulgee,	18	—
W. C. Mayes,	Perryville,	Perry,	Pine Flat,	15	—
W. W. Smith,	Perryville,	Perry,	Pisgah,	50	—
Lewis Johnson,	Orrville,	Dallas,	Providence,	15	—
Porter King,	Marion,	Perry,	Siloam,	147	—
Jon. Haralson,	Selma,	Dallas,	Selma,	100	—

APPENDIX "L."—TREASURER'S REPORT.

ALFRED LAWSON, Treasurer.

1877. In account with the Cahaba Association.

Oct. 22.	Received for State Mission Board,		$72.15
	" " Home " "		33.25
	" " Foreign " "		21.50
	Minutes and Associational purposes,		62.40
	Rec'd for sister Summers,		16.75
			——$206.05.

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Oct. 23.	By J. B. Lovelace's receipt (Treas. H. Board)	$33.25
" 25.	" T. M. Bailey's " (Cor. Sec. S. M. B.)	72.15
" 29.	" H. A. Tupper's " (Cor. Sec. F. M. B.)	21.50
"	" S. C. Trammill's " (Cl'k C. Association)	62.40
"	" E. Fagan's rec't for funds of Sister Summers	16.75
		$206.05

Respectfully submitted, Oct. 21, 1878,

ALFRED LAWSON,
Treasurer C. A.

FORM FOR STATISTICAL LETTER.

The ———— Baptist Church to the Cahaba Baptist Association sendeth Christian salutation:

Dear Brethren: We send as delegates to aid you in your deliberations our brethren————————————

We have for pastor ————. Our statistics are as follows:

Membership last reported.....
Since received by baptism.....
Since received by letter.....
Since restored.....
Number excluded.....
Number deceased.....
Number dismissed by letter.....
Number of white members.....
Number of colored members.....
Total number of members.....
Number Sunday School scholars.....
Number Sunday School teachers.....
Number copies religious papers taken.....
Number copies Sunday School papers taken.....
Whole amount of money collected.....
Amount paid pastor (salary).....
Amount paid Church expenses.....
Amount paid for Foreign Missions.....
Amount paid for Home Missions.....
Amount paid for State Missions.....
Amount paid for Education.....
Amount paid for Ministerial Education.....
Amount paid for the poor.....
Amount paid for superannuated ministers, widows and orphans.....
Amount paid for Minutes and Associational purposes.....
Preaching how often and when.....
Prayer meeting how often.....
Sunday School collection.....
Sunday School expenses.....
Sunday School Superintendent.....
Pastor.....
Pastor's Post Office.....
Clerk.....
Clerk's Post Office.....

Remarks - - -

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Membership Last Reported.	Since Received by Baptism.	Since Received by Letter.	Since Restored.	Number Deceased.	Number Excluded.	Number Dismissed by Letter.	Number of White Members.	Number of Colored Members.	Total Number of Members.	Number Copies Religious Papers taken.	Number of Scholars in Sunday School.	Whole amount of Money Collected.	Amount paid Pastor (Salary.)	Amount paid for Church Expenses.	Amount paid for Home Missions.	Amount paid for State Missions.	Amount paid for Foreign Missions.	Amount paid for Education.	Amount paid for the poor.	Amount paid for Minutes and Associational purposes.	S. S. Expenses.	Sunday School Collection.
Antioch	40	....	2	..	..	1	....	41	1	42	....	5	100 00	100.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....
Bethel	10	...	4	..	..	..	....	12	....	12	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.25	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....
Bethlehem	116	15	4	2	1	2	2	132	....	132	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....
Concord	129	....	1	1	1	..	3	95	32	127	40	5	.....	75.00	.....	.50	.....	2.35	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....
Ephesus	117	....	....	1	2	4	....	112	....	112	....	....	.....	50.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....
Fellowship	109	....	4	..	1	..	5	107	....	107	60	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....
Friendship	58	16	8	..	2	4	....	76	....	76	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....
Hopewell	73	....	1	..	..	..	9	65	....	65	51	14	384.10	247.50	.....	.....	100.00	5.60	10.00	10.00	2.00	8.00	.....
Harmony	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	12	....	12	23	2	56.07	.....	50.42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	4.65	4.65
Macedonia	55	....	1	..	..	12	....	44	....	44	54	....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....
Mars Hill	54	....	....	..	..	..	1	51	2	53	30	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....
Medline	120	....	....	1	..	2	4	115	....	115	20	2	.....	40.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.40	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	35	....	....	..	..	..	2	31	2	33	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Hebron	26	....	....	..	1	..	....	25	....	25	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	52	2	....	..	1	..	1	52	....	52	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead	35	....	....	1	..	1	....	35	....	35	20	3	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	3.00	2.50	.....
Macon	22	....	....	..	..	..	1	21	....	21	....	6	662.00	400.00	210.00	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....
New Hope	88	....	2	..	2	5	1	82	....	82	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....
Newberne	23	....	....	..	..	..	....	23	....	23	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ocmulgee	107	....	4	1	2	..	19	65	26	91	18	....	.....	100.00	.....	4.00	15.00	5.25	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....
Oak Grove	13	5	1	..	..	..	....	19	....	19	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	.....
Pine Flat	45	....	....	..	..	..	2	42	1	43	15	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	3.50	.....
Pleasant Hill	62	8	1	..	2	2	2	65	....	65	....	4	.....	75.00	10.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....
Pisgah	128	35	2	..	1	60	....	105	....	105	50	....	158.15	130.00	12.00	.....	10.40	2.75	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....
Providence	75	....	....	..	1	..	4	70	....	70	15	40	431.35	350.00	30.00	5.00	25.00	8.25	3.00	.....	3.00	7.00	7.00
Sardis	75	....	....	..	..	..	3	72	....	72	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....
Siloam	297	55	13	2	1	4	24	338	....	338	147	163	3382.80	2500.00	201.86	101.40	.....	94.10	.....	190.20	5.00	41.56	57.08
Selma	165	33	24	2	1	..	6	217	....	217	100	....	2075.78	1188.35	262.00	.....	100.00	.....	.....	101.64	3.00	.....	.....
Union	70	....	....	..	..	1	....	69	....	69	....	1	88.00	75.10	5.00	.....	3.25	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....
	2209	153	64	10	16	94	91	2193	64	2257	633	313	$7338.25	$5425.85	789.28	112.90	338.90	119.50	$13.00	303.84	$61.39	$67.21	$68.63

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	PASTOR'S P. O.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	PREACHING.
Antioch	Hale	W A Bishop	Carthage	Jno T Latimer	Greensboro	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Bethel	Bibb	I U Wilkes	Perryville	R S Harris	Centreville	2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Bethlehem	Perry	I M Hicks	Ocmulgee	R S Ham	Pinetucky	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Concord	Perry	W N Huckabee.	Marion	S A Bolling	Radfordsville	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Ephesus	Perry	J M Heard	Pinetucky	T J Warrell	Marion	3rd Sunday and Saturday before
Fellowship	Perry	W A Bishop	Carthage	J A Gray	Marion	2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Friendship	Perry	I M Hicks	Pinetucky	Isham Pounds	Pinetucky	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Hopewell	Perry	J L West	Selma	S A Lide	Marion	Three Sundays in each month
Harmony	Perry	W A Bishop	Carthage	A J Ivey	Marion	2nd Sunday in each month
Macedonia	Hale	J S Ford	Acron	W R Stivender	Havana	2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Mars Hill	Perry	A J Kynerd	Marion	A P Ford	Marion	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Medline	Perry	A M Perry	Pinetucky	T A Sanders	Pinetucky	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Mt. Pleasant	Hale	W A Bishop	Carthage	J J Mills	Carthage	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Mt. Hebron	Hale	J S Ford	Acron	P T Harris	Acron	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Mt. Zion	Bibb	I U Wilkes	Perryville	J N C Brown	Centreville	3d Sunday and Saturday before
Mt. Gilead	Bibb	A M Perry	Pinetucky	W F McCraw	Pinetucky	2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Macon	Hale	L R Gwaltney	Marion	J T Collins	Macon Station	1st and 3rd Sundays in each month
New Hope	Hale	Carter Tubb	Ironville	J S Davis	Flinn's Mill	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Newbern	Hale		Marion	B F Pollard	Newbern	Two Sundays in each month
Ocmulgee	Perry	I U Wilkes	Perryville	C C Smith	Oak Grove	4th Sunday and Saturday before
Oak Grove	Dallas	L R Gwaltney	Marion	E S White	Marion Junction	2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Pine Flat	Perry	A J Kynerd	Marion	E P George	Perryville	2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Pleasant Hill	Hale	J S Ford	Acron	J M Geddie	Carthage	1st Sunday and Saturday before
Pisgah	Perry	W N Huckabee.	Marion	W W Smith	Perryville	2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Providence	Dallas	J L West	Selma	Lewis Johnson	Orrville	2nd & 4th Sundays and Saturday before 4th
Sardis	Perry			W D Washburn	Jericho	Conference Saturday before 1st Sunday
Siloam	Perry	E T Winkler	Marion	J L Wyatt	Marion	Twice each Sunday
Selma	Dallas	W C Cleveland	Selma	H A Haralson	Selma	Twice each Sunday
Union	Hale	J S Ford	Acron	T J Kinnaird	Greensboro	3d Sunday and Saturday before

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE CAHABA ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	DIVISION.
John Dennis.	Cambridge.	Dallas.	1st District.
W. C. Cleveland.	Selma.	Dallas.	1st District.
I. U. Wilkes.	Perryville.	Perry.	1st District.
T. L. Vaughan.	Perryville.	Perry.	1st District.
E. T. Winkler.	Marion.	Perry.	2nd District.
M. T. Sumner.	Marion.	Perry.	2nd District.
L. R. Gwaltney.	Marion.	Perry.	2nd District.
W. H. McIntosh.	Marion.	Perry.	2nd District.
J. L. West.	Selma.	Dallas.	2nd District.
T. M. Bailey.	Marion.	Perry.	2nd District.
A. J. Kynerd.	Marion.	Perry.	2nd District.
W. N. Huckabee.	Marion.	Perry.	2nd District.
J. S. Ford.	Acron.	Hale.	3rd District.
W. A. Bishop.	Carthage.	Hale.	3rd District.
R. S. Jones.	Greensboro.	Hale.	3rd District.
J. B. Pool.	Havana.	Hale.	3rd District.
W. O. Stevens.	Flinn's Mill.	Hale.	3rd District.
Carter Tubb.	Ironville.	Perry.	3rd District.
A. M. Perry.	Pinetucky.	Perry.	4th District.
J. M. Heard.	Pinetucky.	Perry.	4th District.

LICENSED PREACHERS OF THE CAHABA ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	DIVISION.
I. B. Vaiden.	Marion.	Perry.	2nd District.
J. L. Nichols.	Pinetucky.	Perry.	4th District.

LIST OF THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS AT HOWARD COLLEGE.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
W. N. Huckabee.	———	Perry.	Alabama.
J. D. Cook.	———	Choctaw.	Alabama.
P. C. Drew.	———	Clark.	Alabama.
A. J. Hearne.	———	Clark.	Alabama.
P. F. Crawford.	———	Macon.	Alabama.
P. T. Hale.	———	Barbour.	Alabama.
A. W. McGaha.	———	Talladega.	Alabama.
J. L. Thompson.	———	Coosa.	Alabama.
E. C. Plumb.	———	Lowndes.	Alabama.
M. M. Wood.	———	Jefferson.	Alabama.
J. M. Green.	———	Pike.	Alabama.
W. Y. Adams.	———	Blount.	Alabama.

DISTRICT EVANGELIST OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD FOR CAHABA ASSOCIATION.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Rev. E. F. Baber.	Collirene.	Lowndes.	Alabama.

BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH,

AS ADOPTED BY THE CAHABA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

I. Of the Scriptures.—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. Of the True God.—That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. Of the Fall of Man.—That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which, all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

IV. Of the Way of Salvation.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, yet without sin, honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death. Being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and, uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.

V. Of Justification.—That the great gospel blessing which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification; that justification consists in the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we may have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every blessing for time and eternity.

VI. Of Freeness of Salvation.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

VII. Of Grace in Regeneration.—That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the

Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII. Of God's Purpose of Grace.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he originates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it is ascertained by its effect in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX. Of the Perseverance of Saints.—That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X. Harmony of the Law and Gospel.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability, which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man, to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XI. Of a Gospel Church.—That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XII. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.—That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its purifying power; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's supper, in which the members of the church by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII. Of the Christian Sabbath.—That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations, by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

XIV. Of Civil Government.—That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously

honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the word of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XV. Of the Righteous and the Wicked.—That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVI. Of the World to Come.—That the end of this world is approaching, and that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

Article 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Cahaba Baptist Association, who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe upon their internal rights, but shall merely be considered as an advisory council in all the matters relative to their internal concerns. Nevertheless it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have uniform rules of procedure; for example, if one church commit an offence against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction; if she fail of success she shall call the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the helps thus called be not obtained, the agrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference shall arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation be not effected, the helps so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon according to its merits. But the Association will take cognizance of no case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of church discipline, found in the 10th chapter of the gospel of Matthew, and other parts of the Scriptures which define the nature of offences and manner of bringing offenders to trial.

Article 3.—The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, written communications, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship,

baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored, and deceased, since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Article 4.—Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner, viz: Churches composed of fifty members, or under, are entitled to send three messengers, and for every fifty members that may be added, one additional messenger. Any church failing to represent herself as above prescribed, shall state the reason to the next session.

Article 5. New churches may be admitted into our union by messengers bearing petitionary letters. If, upon examination, they be found worthy and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving the messengers the right hand in token of Christian fellowship.

Article 6.—The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

Article 7.—At every session of the Association, a Moderator shall be appointed by and from among the messengers present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules of decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings.

Article 8.—The Association shall have power to exclude, from her union, any church that may violate the constitution, or depart from the arthodox principles of the gospel.

Article 9.—The Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

Article 10.—Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile it but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the Minutes.

Article 11.—Queries which immediately concern the general union of the churches sent by a particular church, or introduced by motion, shall be taken up and declared on as soon as practicable.

Article 12.—Any church in our union having a member who is judged to possess talents for the ministry, shall call from two or more churches the aid of their ministers, and select members of the laity, who, in conjunction with the churches, shall examine the candidate, and, if deemed qualified, may license him to preach the gospel among the churches, at discretion, which shall be reported to the next Association and entered on the Minutes.

Article 13.—Any church in our union having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work, and all the presbyteries in ordaining of ministers or deacons, or in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the abstract of faith adopted by this Association.

Article 14.—Any church in our union having a minister who may fall into disorder, and who, after all due labor with him, shall continue refractory, should consider him a fit subject for excommu-

nication, shall have power to exclude him from fellowship; and it shall be the duty of that church, in such a case, to call a presbytery and through them demand his credentials. If such a minister return and give satisfaction, the church shall have power to restore him to fellowship as a private member; but if she wish him restored to the exercise of his ministerial functions, she shall again call a presbytery who shall be discretionally authorized to renew his credentials; which, if renewed, shall be reported at the next meeting of this Association, and entered upon the Minutes.

Article 15.—The Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all monies thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by their messengers and paid over to the Committee on finance. This committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association fund, and dispose of the same agreeably to order. They shall make at every session a fair and circumstantial report of their proceedings.

Article 16.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body.

Article 17.—The Association shall not adjourn any session until it shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

Article 18.—The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the session rises.

Article 19.—The Association, shall in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present.

Article 20.—Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of this Association, where a majority of the members shall decide it necessary

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